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Note by the Secretariat

Information on the status of the pre-session documentation for the substantive session as at 17 June 1999 is contained in the annex and is submitted to the Council for its information. It will be updated as necessary.

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Annex

Status of documentation as at 17 June 1999

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1	**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**			
	Annotated provisional agenda (E/1999/100 and Add.1)	DGAACS		Issued
	Proposed programme of work (E/1999/L.16)	DGAACS		Issued
	Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council (E/1999/__)	DESA		
	Note verbale dated 26 May 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1999/76)		14 June	(21 June)
	High-level segment			
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	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/53)	DESA/ILO		(24 June)
	World Economic and Social Survey 1999 (E/1999/50)	DESA		
	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its first session (E/1999/33)	DESA	10 June	See item 13 (a)
	Document for information Note by the Secretary-General containing an executive summary of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* (E/1999/44)	DESA		See item 13 (f)

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	Operational activities segment			
3	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**			
	(a) Poverty eradication and capacity-building			
	(b) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly			
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	Addendum: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192 (E/1999/55/Add.1)	DESA	25 May	(23 June)
	Addendum: comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1997 (E/1999/55/Add.2)	DESA	20 May	(25 June)
	(c) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme			
	Report of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA on its first regular session of 1999 (DP/1999/8)	UNDP		Issued
	Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA at its second regular session of 1999 (DP/1999/14 and Corr.1)	UNDP		Issued
	Decisions adopted by the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA at its annual session (DP/1999/__)	UNDP		
	Annual report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Council (E/1999/47)	UNDP/ UNFPA		Issued
	Report of the Executive Board of UNICEF on its first regular session of 1999 (E/1999/34 (Part I))	UNICEF		Issued

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	Report of the Executive Board of UNICEF on its 1999 annual session (E/1999/34 (Part II))	UNICEF		
	Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF to the Council (E/1999/9)	UNICEF		Issued
	Report of the Executive Board of WFP (E/1999/36)	WFP		
	Annual report of the Executive Director of WFP to the Economic and Social Council (E/1999/58)	WFP	15 June	(2 July)
	Note by the Secretariat on change in the general regulations of WFP (E/1999/__)	WFP		
(d)	**Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries**			
	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among developing countries (A/54/39)	UNDP		
	Coordination segment			
4	**Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: Development of Africa: implementation and coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system of initiatives on African development**			
	Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133–E/1999/79)	DESA		
	Humanitarian affairs segment			
5	**Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance**			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations and the follow-up to Council agreed conclusions 1998/1	OCHA		
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Djibouti (A/54/__–E/1999/__)	UNDP		

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	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Saint Kitts and Nevis (A/54/129–E/1999/73)	UNDP	10 June	(6 July)
	Report of the Secretary-General on collaborative efforts to assist Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected countries (A/54/130–E/1999/72)	UNDP	10 June	(6 July)
	Note by the Secretariat concerning the report of the Inter-Agency Needs Assessment Mission dispatched by the Secretary-General to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (E/1999/82)			
	General segment			
6	**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the Council at its substantive session of 1998 on coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (E/1999/__)	DESA/HR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/1999/65)	DESA	8 June	(30 June)
	Report of the Secretary-General on possible modalities of a review by the Council in 2000 of progress made within the United Nations system in promoting an integrated and coordinated implementation of major United Nations conferences and summits (E/1999/63)	DESA	7 June	(18 June)

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/1999/60)	DGAACS	4 June	(23 June)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security on progress in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (E/1999/81)	FAO		
	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of an informal meeting of the Council on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits (New York, 10 and 11 May 1999) (E/1999/77)	DESA	14 June	(30 June)
7	**Coordination, programme and other questions**			
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (E/1999/__)	DESA		
	(a) Reports of coordination bodies			
	Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998 (E/1999/48)	DESA		Issued
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16)	DM		
	(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001			
	Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6) *Note*: issued in mimeographed form as individual programmes	DM		Issued
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16)			See item 7 (a)

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	(c) Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)			
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Programme (E/1999/64)	DESA/ UNAIDS	9 June	(23 June)
	(d) International cooperation in the field of informatics			
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/74)	DM	10 June	(13 July)
	(e) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields			
	Draft calendar of conferences and meetings (E/1999/L.18)	DGAACS	4 June	(21 June)
8	**Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B**			
	Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (A/54/115–E/1999/59)	DESA	3 June	(23 June)
	Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions (E/1999/56)	DESA	25 May	(24 June)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of, and examining the linkages between, the functional commissions (E/1999/__)	DESA		
	Note by the Secretariat on the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions (New York, 29 April 1999) (E/1999/78)	DESA	14 June	(9 July)
9	**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**			
	Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/119)	DPA	2 June	(18 June)
	Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Implementation of the Declaration (E/1999/69)	DPA/ DGAACS		

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	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (E/1999/__)	EOSG		
10	**Regional cooperation**			
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/14)	RC		
	Addendum: cooperation with other regional bodies (E/1999/14/Add.1)	RC	14 June	(12 July)
	Addendum: matters calling for action by the Council or brought to its attention (E/1999/14/Add.2)	RC	14 June	(12 July)
	Addendum: trends and activities (E/1999/14/Add.3)	RC	14 June	(12 July)
	Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1998 (E/1999/15)	RC		Issued
	Summary of the economic and social situation in Africa, 1998 (E/1999/16)	RC		Issued
	Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1999 (E/1999/17)	RC		Issued
	Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1998 (E/1999/18)	RC		Issued
	Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1998–1999 (E/1999/19)	RC		Issued
	Note by the Secretary-General on the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/1999/20)	RC		Issued
	Letter dated 17 May 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/97–E/1999/52)			Issued
11	**Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation of the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan**			
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report prepared by ESCWA (E/1999/__)	RC		

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12	**Non-governmental organizations**			
	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 1999 session (E/1999/__)	DGAACS		
13	**Economic and environmental questions**			
	Letter dated 21 April 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1999/46)			Issued
	Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (E/1999/51)	DESA		Issued
	Letter dated 27 May 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1999/62)		15 June	
(a)	**Sustainable development**			
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventh session (E/1999/29)	DGAACS	10 June	(15 July)
	Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its first session (E/1999/33)	DESA	10 June	(12 July)
	Report of the Secretary-General on measures undertaken in the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/54/131–E/1999/75)	DESA	14 June	(30 June)
	Letter dated 4 June 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1999/71–S/1999/659)		9 June	Issued
(b)	**Science and technology for development**			
	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session (E/1999/31, Supplement No. 11)	DGAACS	14 June	(12 July)
(c)	**Statistics**			
	Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirtieth session (E/1999/24)	DGAACS		(25 June)

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	Letter dated 2 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1999/68)			
(d)	**Human settlements**			
	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its seventeenth session (A/54/8)	HS	9 June	(12 July)
(e)	**Environment**			
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/54/25)	UNEP		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 53/185 entitled "International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon" (A/54/__–E/1999/__)	OCHA		
(f)	**Women in development**			
	Note by the Secretary-General containing an executive summary of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* (E/1999/44)	DESA		Issued
(g)	**Transport of dangerous goods**			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/3 (E/1999/43)	RC		Issued
(h)	**International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction**			
	Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/__–E/1999/__)	OCHA		
	Addendum: report of the IDNDR Science and Technology Committee (A/54/__–E/1999/__/Add.1)	OCHA		
	Addendum: views of States on IDNDR (A/54/__–E/1999/__/Add.2)	OCHA		

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	Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations on how the United Nations will deal with the reduction of natural disasters after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	OCHA		
(i)	**Population and development**			
	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-second session (E/1999/25)	DGAACS		Issued
(j)	**International cooperation in tax matters**			
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1999/__)	DESA		
(k)	**Energy and natural resources for development**			
	Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its first session (E/1999/32)	DGAACS	19 May	(22 June)
14	**Social and human rights questions**			
(a)	**Advancement of women**			
	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-third session (E/1999/27)	DGAACS	30 April	(21 June)
	Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its nineteenth session (E/1999/57)	INSTRAW	26 May	(23 June)
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (E/1999/54)	DESA	20 May	(23 June)
	Report of the Director of INSTRAW (E/1999/__)	INSTRAW		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/93 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/54/123–E/1999/66)	DESA	9 June	(30 June)

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	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/54/38 (Part I))	DESA		Issued
(b)	**Social development**			
	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-seventh session (E/1999/26)	DGAACS		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on effective ways and means for achieving the goal of education for all (A/54/128–E/1999/70)	UNESCO	9 June	(18 June)
	Letter dated 11 February 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/66–E/1999/6)			Issued
(c)	**Crime prevention and criminal justice**			
	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighth session (E/1999/30)	UNOV		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/86 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women (A/54/69–E/1999/8)	UNOV		
(d)	**Narcotic drugs**			
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-second session (E/1999/28)	UNDCP		
	Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/1999/67)	UNDCP		
(e)	**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**			
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1999/21)	UNHCR		
(f)	**Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**			
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/61)	HR	7 June	(24 June)

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	Relevant chapter of the report of the Commission on Human Rights containing proposals on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (E/1999/__)	HR		See item 14 (h)
(g)	**Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**			
	No advance documentation requested			
(h)	**Human rights**			
	Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights transmitting a draft decision recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Council (E/1999/L.19)	HR		Issued
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fifth session (E/1999/23)	HR		
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/1999/__)	HR		
	Letter dated 5 May 1999 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the President of the Economic and Social Council transmitting an advisory opinion requested by the Council from the International Court of Justice (E/1999/49)		12 May	(18 June)

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Coordination, programme and other questions

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000 and 2001 in the economic, social and related fields

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

In the present note, the Economic and Social Council is invited to approve the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000 and 2001 in the economic, social and related fields. Information on meetings of related bodies and conferences and meetings of governing bodies of specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is also provided. The attention of the Council is drawn to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 45/264, 46/235 and 50/227 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, which have been taken into account in the preparation of the calendar.

The Council is invited to consider further the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of its resolution 1988/77 and Assembly resolution 50/206 A.

Attention is drawn to Council decision 1988/103, in which the Council decided to invite the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft calendar of conferences and meetings and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

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1. The provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2000 and 2001, contained in the annex to the present document, has been prepared in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular, 37/14 C, 39/68 B and D, 40/243, 41/177, 41/213, 42/207 B, 45/264, 46/235 and 50/227, and relevant decisions and resolutions of the Economic and Social Council. Attention is drawn to the following decisions of the Council and the General Assembly:

(a) That the Council should hold an organizational session not to exceed four days' duration to be held in early February and a resumed organizational session at the end of April for one or two days, and that the Council should hold one substantive session of four weeks to take place in alternate years in New York and Geneva in July (Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227);

(b) That all meetings of subsidiary and associated organs should conform to the Council's schedule of meetings and not vice versa (decision adopted at the Council's 1837th meeting, on 28 July 1972, at the fifty-third session);

(c) That the subsidiary bodies of the Council, with the exception of the regional commissions, may not create either standing or ad hoc inter-sessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval of the Council (rule 24, para. 2, of the rules of procedure of the Council);

(d) That the regular sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 40/243, sect. I, para. 4 (f));

(e) To adopt, on a regular basis, a biennial cycle of meetings which would correspond to the programme budget cycle, for better administrative control (Council decision 281 (LXIII), para. (b));

(f) That (i) the regular sessions of the functional commissions and standing committees of the Council should normally have a duration of not more than eight working days; and (ii) once the calendar of meetings had been adopted by the Council, no additional meetings involving departures from the biennial cycle of meetings would be authorized during the biennium (Council decision 1979/81, paras. (b) to (d), and Assembly resolution 34/50) and that the waiver to the headquarters rule contained in Assembly resolution 40/243 is discontinued in the case of the functional commissions (Assembly resolution 49/221 A);

(g) That the Secretary-General should ensure that meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council would end at least eight weeks before the session of the Council at which their reports were to be considered (Council resolutions 1982/50, para. 1 (l), and 1988/77, para. 2 (f) (i)).

2. The Council's attention is drawn to the decision taken by the Committee on Conferences at its 154th meeting, on 11 March 1981, that in future, requests for inter-sessional departures from the calendar of conferences should only be submitted to the Committee for its consideration if accompanied by a presentation of detailed substantive arguments supporting a proposed change in or an addition to the calendar. The Committee also decided to request the Secretariat to inform the Committee, as far in advance as possible, of the need for a postponement of sessions of United Nations bodies, together with a presentation of the substantive reasons necessitating a delay.

3. The Council may recall that in its decision 1992/214 of 7 February 1992 it decided to grant authority to its Bureau to approve inter-sessional departures from its approved calendar of conferences and meetings in respect of its subsidiary bodies when the Council was not in session and after consultation with the Committee on Conferences.

4. The Council may also recall that in paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of its resolution 1988/77, it decided to further continue to consider the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies. The subsidiary bodies of the Council have biennialized their meeting schedules, with the exception of:

(a) Commission on Human Rights and several of its working groups; and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and its four working groups;

(b) Committee for Development Policy;

(c) Commission on the Status of Women (to the year 2000) (see Council resolution 1987/21); a request by the Commission to meet annually for 10 working days from 2001 is before the Council;

(d) Commission on Narcotic Drugs (see Council resolution 1991/38) and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East;

(e) Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (see Council resolution 1992/1);

(f) Commission on Sustainable Development (see Council decision 1993/207);

(g) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its pre-sessional working group;

(h) Economic Commission for Europe;

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

(j) Commission on Population and Development (see Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209);

(k) Commission for Social Development (see Council resolution 1996/7);

(l) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (see Council decision 1995/304).

5. The Council may wish to take the opportunity of its review of the provisional calendar to consider further the question of the biennialization of its subsidiary bodies in the context of its review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies (see Council resolution 1996/41 and Assembly resolution 50/227).

6. The Council's attention is drawn to Council decision 1988/103, in which the Council decided to invite the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings, beginning with the calendar for 1990–1991, and submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council. Such recommendations as the Committee on Conferences may have will be placed before the Council.

7. The Council will consider the following requests of its subsidiary bodies for additional meetings or changes in their normal pattern of sessions, not listed in the annex, at its current session:

(a) A request from the Statistical Commission to meet annually beginning in 2000 for a period of four working days in New York, and a request that, with immediate effect, the Working Group on Statistical Programmes and Coordination cease to function. The thirty-first session of the Commission would be held from 29 February to 3 March 2000;

(b) A request from the Commission on the Status of Women to meet annually starting in 2001 for a period of 10 working days. The forty-fifth session of the Commission would be held from 5 to 16 March 2001;

(c) A request from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development that its second session be brought forward and held in New York from 14 to 25 August 2000 (instead of 2001).

8. The mandates of the following working groups, not listed in the annex, are to be renewed by the Council at its current session:

(a) Working group of the Commission on Human Rights on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts (see Council decision 1998/271 for the most recent mandate);

(b) Working group of the Commission on Human Rights on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (see Council decision 1998/271 for the most recent mandate);

(c) Working group of intergovernmental experts of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (see Council decision 1998/244 for the most recent mandate);

(d) Open-ended inter-sessional ad hoc working group of the Commission on Human Rights on a permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system (see Council decision 1998/247 for the most recent mandate);

(e) Open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights established to elaborate policy guidelines on the effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights (see Council decision 1998/276 for the most recent mandate);

(f) Working group on Arbitrary Detention of the Commission on Human Rights (see Council decision 1997/260 for the most recent mandate);

(g) Working group of the Commission on Human Rights established to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (see Council resolution 1998/35 for the most recent mandate);

(h) Working group of the Commission on Human Rights established to elaborate a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples (see Council resolution 1998/34 for the most recent mandate);

(i) Open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to development (mandate until 2000 only in Council decision 1998/269);

9. In the preparation of the provisional calendar, due regard has been taken of General Assembly resolution 53/208, in particular operative paragraph 11, whereby it was decided that United Nations bodies should be invited to avoid holding meetings on 9 April 1999 (Orthodox Good

Friday) and that this arrangement should be taken into account when drafting future calendars and meetings. For the next biennium, Orthodox Good Friday occurs on 28 April 2000 and 13 April 2001.

10. The Council may wish to note that in its resolution 51/167, the General Assembly welcomed with appreciation the generous offer made by the Government and people of Thailand to host the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the year 2000 (see annex, sect. A, item 15).

Annex

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000 and 2001 in the economic, social and related fields and of principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Explanatory notes

The following abbreviations are used in the present annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNU	United Nations University
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meterological Organization

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A. Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000

(as at May 1999)

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]	*Periodicity*
1. Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, seventh meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111][b]	10–21 January	Vienna	193 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
2. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][c]	10–28 January	New York	23 E	I T SR (ACEFRS)	Two sessions per year
3. Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	11 January	New York	54 G	I T SR (ACEFRS)	
4. UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17–21 January	New York	36 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
5. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	17–28 January	New York	80 E	I T – (ACEFRS)	
6. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	24–28 January	New York	36 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
7. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][c]	31 January–4 February	New York	4 E	I T – (EFS)	Two sessions per year
8. Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/65]	31 January–11 February* (* dates subject to approval by the Council)	New York	53 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
9. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
10. States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, eighteenth meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)][c]	January (1 day)	New York	150 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
11. Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [gar. 52/12 B]	January	New York	36 G/ 36 G/ 36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
12. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	1–4 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
13. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	7–11 or 14–18 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
14. Commission for Social Development, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	8–17 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	12–20 February	Bangkok	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every four years
16. Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, eighth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111][b]	21 February–3 March	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
17. Commission on Sustainable Development, inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	28 February–10 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ		Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]	Periodicity
18.	Committee on the Rights of the Child — pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	February (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (ACEFRS)	Three sessions per year
19.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I T – (AER)	One session per year
20.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125][b]	February/March	New York	5 G	– – –	One session per year
21.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201][b]	February/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I T – (EFS)	One session per year
22.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	6–10 March	New York	9 E	I T – (EFRS)	Three sessions per year
23.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	6–15 March	Vienna	53 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
24.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	6–17 March	New York	45 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
25.	Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", [General Assembly resolution 53/231][b]	20–24 March	New York	193 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
26.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	7–10 March	Vienna	53 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year

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27.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-fifth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][b]	13–17 March	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
28.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	13–31 March	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
29.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	20 March–28 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
30.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	27–31 March	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
31.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][c]	March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
32.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	March (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
33.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122][b]	March (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
34.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-eighth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227][b]	March (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
35.	Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution S-19/2][b]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]	*Periodicity*
36. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	3–7 April	New York	36 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
37. Committee for Development Policy, second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	3–7 April	New York	24 E	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
38. Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, second substantive session [General Assembly resolutions 52/25 and 53/28][b]	3–14 April	New York	193 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
39. Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 46/152][b]	10–17 April* (*Pre-Congress consultations will be held on 9 April)	Vienna	193 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session every five years
40. Commission on Sustainable Development, eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	17–27 April or 5 May	New York	53 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
41. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	18–20 April	Vienna	40 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
42. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	18–20 April	Vienna	40 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
43. ESCAP, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I T – (CEFR)	One session per year

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44. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131][b]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
45. Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163][b]	April (3 days)	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	–	
46. Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
47. Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
48. Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
49. Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	April/May (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
50. Committee against Torture, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][c]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
51. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
52. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	April/May (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year

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53. Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111][b]	1–5 May	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
54. Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	3–4 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
55. Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	8–12 May	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
56. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	15–19 May	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
57. UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at tis thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	15–19 May	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
58. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	15–19 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
59. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-eighth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][c]	15–26 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
60. UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22–26 May	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
61. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	22–26 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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62. UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at tis thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	29 May–2 June	Geneva	[d]	I T – (ACEFRS)	
63. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151][b]	May (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (EFS)	One session per year
64. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights — Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (EFRS)	Two sessions per year
65. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
66. Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, first substantive session [General Assembly resolution 53/180][b]	May (1 week)	Nairobi	193 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
67. ECE, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	May	Geneva	55 G	I T – (EFR)	One session per year
68. Committee for Programme and Coordination, fortieth session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year
69. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I T SR (ACEFRS)	Three sessions per year

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70.	General Assembly, special session entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [General Assembly resolutions 52/100, 52/231 and 53/120][b]	5–9 June	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
71.	Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, ninth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111][b]	5–16 June	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
72.	UNFCCC, sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [General Assembly resolution 52/199][b]	5–16 June	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
73.	Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182][b]	12–16 June	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
74.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][c]	12–30 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
75.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13–23 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
76.	General Assembly, special session on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives [General Assembly resolution 50/161][b]	26–30 June	Geneva	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
77.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26–30 June	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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78. Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-session working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
79. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
80. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June/July (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
81. Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/221]	Second quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	One session every three years
82. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][c]	3–7 July	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
83. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	3–14 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
84. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	5 July–1 August	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
85. Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, tenth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111][b]	17–28 July	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
86. Human Rights Committee, sixty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	July (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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87. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (CEFRS)	One session per year
88. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	July (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I T – (EFRS)	Three sessions per year
89. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I T – (CEFRS)	One session per year
90. Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [General Assembly resolution 34/180][c]	31 August or September (1 day)	New York	163 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session every two years
91. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][c]	August (4 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I T SR (CEFRS)	Two sessions per year
92. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I T SR (ACEFRS)	One session per year
93. Committee for Programme and Coordination, fortieth session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	August (2 weeks)	New York	34 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	One session per year

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94.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	August/ September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
95.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	5–8 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
96.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11–15 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
97.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-sixth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][b]	11–15 September	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
98.	Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime [General Assembly resolution 53/111][b]	11 September–6 October (tentative)	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
99.	Fourth United Nations Conference on the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices [General Assembly resolution 52/182][b]	18–22 September	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
100.	Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	September (1 day)	New York	140 G	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
101.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-eighth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227][b]	September (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
102.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178][f]	September	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year

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103. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	September/ October (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
104. UNCTAD — Trade and Development Board, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)][b]	2–13 October	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
105. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	23–27 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
106. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-ninth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][c]	30 October–16 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
107. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	October (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
108. Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	October (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
109. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)][b]	October	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
110. Human Rights Committee, seventieth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	October/ November (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
111. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/ November (2–3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
112. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197][b]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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113. Committee against Torture, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][c]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
114. Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on the right to development [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/269]	November (1 week)	Geneva	53 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
115. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
116. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November/ December (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
117. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	November/ December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
118. Committee of Experts on Transport of Dangerous Goods, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 1989/104]	4–13 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
119. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
120. UNU, Council, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)][b]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session per year

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]	*Periodicity*
121. UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, sixth session, and Meetings of Subsidiary Bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/199][b]	Fourth quarter	Bonn or to be determined	165 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
122. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required
123. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required
124. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required
125. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[d]	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required
126. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required
127. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	As required

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
128. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	To be determined (3 weeks)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
129. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twentieth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157][b]	To be determined (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
130. General Assembly, high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [General Assembly resolution 53/181][b]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
131. Panel of high-level personalities on African development [General Assembly resolution 46/151][b]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T	–	
132. UNCTAD, meetings of experts [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
133. UNEP, High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B][b]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
134. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	
135. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]	*Periodicity*
136. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, fourth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/198][b]	To be determined	Bonn or to be determined	102 G	I T – (ACEFRS)	
137. ECLAC, twenty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) and decision 1985/188 and ECLAC resolution 465 (XX)]	To be determined	Mexico City	41 G	I T – (EFS)	One session every two years

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B. Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2001

(as at 28 May 1999)

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1. Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	9 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
2. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][c]	15 January–2 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
3. UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22–26 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
4. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-seventh session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][b]	22–26 January	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
5. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	29 January–2 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
6. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	30 January–2 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
7. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
8. Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January	New York	36 G/36 G/36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
9. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][c]	5–9 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
10. Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182][b]	5–9 February	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ		Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
11.	UNEP, Governing Council, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185][b]	5–9 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
12.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	12–16 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
13.	Commission for Social Development, thirty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	12–22 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
14.	Commission on Sustainable Development, inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	26 February–9 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
15.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	February (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
16.	Commission on Human Settlements, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162][b]	February (8 days)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
17.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A Capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	–	One session per year
18.	Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the child [General Assembly resolution 44/25][c]	February (1 day)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
19.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125][b]	February	New York	5 G	–	–	–	One session per year
20.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67][b]	February	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
21. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	February	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
22. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201][b]	February/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
23. Statistical Commission, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	5–9 March (4 days)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
24. UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	5–9 March	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
25. UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	19–23 March	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
26. Commission on Population and Development, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	26–30 March	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
27. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][c]	March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
28. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	March (8 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
29. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	March (1 week)	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
30. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 46/122][b]	March (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year

Organ		*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
31.	UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227][b]	March (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
32.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
33.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	March/April (6 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
34.	Human Rights Committee, seventy-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	March/April (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
35.	Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/292]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session every four years
36.	Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution S-19/2]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
37.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	2–6 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
38.	Commission on Sustainable Development, ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	9 or 16–27 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
39.	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182][b]	14–20 April	Geneva or to be determined	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
40.	UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	23–27 April	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
41.	Committee for Development Policy, third session [Economic nd Social Council resolution 1998/46]	April (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

Organ		*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
42.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131][b]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
43.	ESCAP, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	One session per year
44.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163][b]	April (3 days)	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	–	
45.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
46.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
47.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	April (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
48.	Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
49.	ECA, Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
50.	ECA, twenty-fifth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-fourth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
51.	Committee against Torture, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][c]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

Organ		*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
52.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
53.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	April/May (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
54.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, tenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	April/May (8 days)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
55.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	April/May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
56.	ECE, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	1–4 May	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	–	One session per year
57.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	2–3 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
58.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	14–18 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
59.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	21–25 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
60.	UNFCCC, sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [General Assembly resolution 52/199][b]	21 May–1 June	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
61.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151][b]	May (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
62. Commission on Science and Technology for Development, session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	May (1–2 weeks)	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
63. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	May (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
64. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights — pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
65. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
66. International Narcotics Control Board, seventieth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][c]	May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
67. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
68. High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, session [General Assembly resolution 33/134][b]	May/June (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
69. ESCWA, Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	May/June (3 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
70. ESCWA, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	May/June (2 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
71. UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4–8 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

Organ		Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
72.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68][c]	4–22 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
73.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11–22 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
74.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68][c]	25–29 June	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
75.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
76.	General Assembly, special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [General Assembly resolution 53/180][b]	June (3 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
77.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
78.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
79.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June/July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
80.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	2–13 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
81.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	2–27 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

Organ		*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
82.	Human Rights Committee, seventy-second session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	July (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
83.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
84.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	July (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
85.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
86.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
87.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)][c]	August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
88.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	August/ September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
89.	UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4–7 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
90.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	10–14 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
91. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-eighth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)][b]	10–14 September	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
92. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227][b]	September (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
93. Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178][b]	September	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
94. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	September/ October (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
95. Commission on Narcotic Drugs — Meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	
96. UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)][b]	1–12 October	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
97. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	22–26 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
98. UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, seventh session, and Meetings of Subsidiary Bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/199][b]	29 October–8 November	Bonn or to be determined	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
99. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	October (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
100. Committee on the Rights of the Child, pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211][c]	October (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
101. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)][b]	October	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
102. Human Rights Committee, seventy-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)][c]	October/ November (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
103. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/ November (2–3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
104. Committee against Torture, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][c]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
105. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
106. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197][b]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
107. Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A][c]	November (1 day)	Geneva	106 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
108. International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-first session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11][c]	November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
109. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November/ December (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
110. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	November/ December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
111. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	3–14 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
112. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
113. UNU, Council, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)][b]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session per year
114. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (2 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
115. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
116. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
117. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
118. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[d]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
119. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
120. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
121. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	To be determined (3 weeks)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
122. World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111][b]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
123. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, European region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/36]	To be determined (1 week)	Vienna	55 G	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session every three years
124. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157][b]	To be determined (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
125. ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session every two years
126. General Assembly, special session to review the achievements of the goals of the World Summit for Children [General Assembly resolution 51/186][b]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
127. Panel of high-level personalities on African development [General Assembly resolution 46/151][b]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T	–	
128. Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111][b]	To be determined	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]		*Periodicity*
129. UNCTAD, meetings of experts [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–
130. Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, second substantive session [General Assembly resolution 53/180][b]	To be determined	Nairobi	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–
131. UNEP, High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B][b]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–
132. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, fifth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/198][b]	To be determined	Bonn or to be determined	102 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–

Notes to sections A and B

[a] The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated; languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned, and in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

[b] Subsidiary body of the General Assembly and meetings of other related bodies.

[c] Treaty body reporting to the Assembly.

[d] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

C. Calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2000

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*
1. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	17 January–4 February	Montreal
2. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifth session	January/February	Geneva
3. ICAO, Council, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	21 February–17 March	Montreal
4. IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
5. IAEA, Board of Governors	20 March	Vienna
6. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-seventh session	March/April	Geneva
7. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixtieth session	17 April–5 May	Montreal
8. IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
9. IAEA, Board of Governors: Programme and Budget Committee	8 May	Vienna
10. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixtieth session	22 May–16 June	Montreal
11. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session	29 May–2 June	Vienna
12. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-third session	May	Geneva
13. WMO, Executive Council, fifty-second session	May	Geneva
14. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixth session	May/June	Geneva
15. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-eighth session	May/June	Paris
16. IAEA, Board of Governors	5 June	Vienna
17. ITU, Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
18. ILO, General Conference, eighty-eighth session	June	Geneva
19. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-eighth session	June	Geneva
20. FAO, Council, one hundred and nineteenth session	June	Rome
21. IMO, Council, eighty-fourth session	June	London
22. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, sixteenth session	4–8 September	Vienna
23. IAEA, Board of Governors	11 September	Vienna
24. IAEA, General Conference	18–22 September	Vienna
25. IAEA, Board of Governors	25 September	Vienna
26. IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
27. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*
28. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.
29. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-first session	10–27 October	Montreal
30. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	October	Paris
31. UNESCO, General Conference, thirty-first session	October/November	Paris
32. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-third session	13–17 November	Vienna
33. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-first session	13 November–8 December	Montreal
34. IAEA, Board of Governors: Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	20 November	Vienna
35. ILO, Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and seventy-ninth session	November	Geneva
36. FAO, Council, one hundred and twentieth session	November	Rome
37. FAO, Conference, thirty-first session	November	Rome
38. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-first session	November	Rome
39. IMO, Assembly, twenty-second session	November	London
40. IMO, Council, eighty-fifth session	November	London
41. IAEA, Board of Governors	4 December	Vienna
42. IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome

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D. Calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 2001

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*
1. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-second session	15 January–2 February	Montreal
2. IAEA, Board of Governors: Programme and Budget Committee	January	Vienna
3. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and seventh session	January/February	Geneva
4. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-second session	19 February–16 March	Montreal
5. IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
6. IAEA, Board of Governors	March	Vienna
7. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eightieth session	March/April	Geneva
8. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-third session	17 April–4 May	Montreal
9. IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
10. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-third session	22 May–22 June	Montreal
11. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-fourth session	May	Geneva
12. WMO, Executive Council, fifty-third session	May	Geneva
13. IAEA, Board of Governors: Administrative and Budgetary Committee	May	Vienna
14. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and eighth session	May/June	Geneva
15. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session	May/June	Vienna
16. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixtieth session	May/June	Paris
17. ITU, Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
18. ILO, General Conference, eighty-ninth session	June	Geneva
19. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-first session	June	Geneva
20. IAEA, Board of Governors	June	Vienna
21. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-second session	June	Rome
22. IMO, Council, eighty-sixth session	June	London
23. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, seventeenth session	September	Vienna
24. IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Vienna
25. IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
26. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva
27. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*
28. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	8–26 October	Montreal
29. IAEA, Board of Governors	October	Vienna
30. IAEA, General Conference	October	Vienna
31. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixty-first session	October	Paris
32. UNESCO, General Conference, thirty-second session	October/November	Paris
33. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	13 November–7 December	Montreal
34. ILO, Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and eighty-second session	November	Geneva
35. UNIDO, General Conference, ninth session	November	Vienna
36. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-third session	November	Rome
37. FAO, Conference, thirty-second session	November	Rome
38. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-fourth session	November	Rome
39. IMO, Assembly, twenty-third session	November	London
40. IMO, Council, eighty-seventh session	November	London
41. IAEA, Board of Governors: Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	December	Vienna
42. IAEA, Board of Governors	December	Vienna
43. IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome

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Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the President of the Economic and Social Council

On 2 December 1998, the Acting President of the Economic and Social Council, in his letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, informed the Committee of Council decision 1998/293 of 31 July 1998 by which the Committee was invited by the Council to provide updated information on several requests (draft decisions I–IV) recommended by the Committee during its sixteenth session, in 1996.

At its twentieth session, held in Geneva from 26 April to 14 May 1999, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in response to Economic and Social Council decision 1998/293, reconsidered its requests from the sixteenth session in 1996. After careful discussion, the Committee resolved to proceed further with only one request, to which it accords highest priority, the details of which are set out in the present letter and the draft decision contained in the annex. Accordingly, I should be most grateful if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Council under item 14 (h) of the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1999.

At its twentieth session, the Committee decided to invite the Economic and Social Council to approve an additional regular session to be held in New York. Upon consideration of this request, I would be most grateful if it took the following matters into account.

1. The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (June 1993) emphasizes the indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights, a theme which recurred throughout last year's commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the Commission on Human Rights, at its most recent sessions, has embarked on initiatives in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, most notably the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on the right to education, which reflect the indivisibility and interdependence of human rights. Moreover, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is now giving more attention to economic, social and cultural rights than ever before. Nonetheless, although

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these developments represent genuine progress, much remains to be done before it can be said that economic, social and cultural rights enjoy the equal treatment envisaged by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

2. Given its central role in the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights, the renewed interest in these rights inevitably places a heavy responsibility upon the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. For example, arising from its obligation to monitor State parties' implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee has, *inter alia*, a duty to clarify the scope of the Covenant's provisions and to reach out to specialized agencies of the United Nations system and programmes, as expressly anticipated in part IV of the Covenant.

3. In the meantime, however, the number of States parties to the Covenant continues to increase. Today, the Covenant has 139 States parties, almost double the number existing when the Committee was established by the Economic and Social Council in May 1985 (Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985). Under the current arrangements of two three-week sessions each year, the Committee is able to consider no more than 10 reports annually and, inevitably, a substantial backlog of reports now awaits the Committee's consideration, which will take up to three years to clear on the basis of existing arrangements. In short, current meeting arrangements provide the Committee with insufficient time to discharge its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Council resolution 1985/17 in an efficient and timely manner.

4. It should be emphasized that the backlog places an additional burden on States parties which are obliged to provide a considerable amount of updated information to the Committee; further, it jeopardizes the reporting process which remains the cornerstone of the entire international human rights monitoring system. In this regard, may I remind the Economic and Social Council that the Committee has already adopted a range of procedural reforms designed to improve and expedite its reporting arrangements.

5. In all these circumstances, the Economic and Social Council is respectfully invited to approve an additional regular session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, so that it may discharge its responsibilities in an efficient and timely manner.

6. Although the resolution by which the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was originally established provided that its sessions would alternate between Geneva and New York, so far the Committee has not yet held any session in New York.

7. In the Committee's view, there is a need to make its activities and concerns better known and more accessible to a wider range of participants, such as exists in New York, where there are larger governmental delegations, a more diverse range of non-governmental organizations, more extensive worldwide media and a greater number of international agencies.

8. Moreover, the Committee notes that one annual session of the Human Rights Committee is held in New York and that this has contributed very significantly to improving the profile and prominence of the work of that Committee.

9. In all these circumstances, the Economic and Social Council is respectfully invited to approve an additional regular session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to be held in New York, beginning in 2000.

In conclusion, the Committee's proposal for an additional regular session to be held in New York is driven by a commitment to the interdependence and indivisibility of all rights, as well as a recognition of the renewed interest in economic, social and cultural rights which is evident in the work of the United Nations human rights system.

(*Signed*) Virginia **Bonoan-Dandan**
Chairperson
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Annex

Draft decision recommended by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its twentieth session for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

Draft decision I

Additional regular session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, concerned that existing meeting arrangements for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights no longer permit it to fully discharge its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Council resolution 1985/17 in an efficient and timely manner, and noting that the effectiveness and profile of the work of the Committee will be further enhanced by holding one of its annual sessions in New York on a regular basis, approves the holding of one additional three-week session of the Committee, as well as a pre-sessional working group of one week's duration, in New York, beginning in 2000.